

House Resolution 2317

By: Representative Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Albert "Al" Milton Cook; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Albert "Al" Milton Cook on February 14, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was born on January 29, 1933, in Louisville, Kentucky, and served  
5 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and  
6 courageously serving during the Korean War; and

7 WHEREAS, he was inspired by the children he met while in Korea, returning home to  
8 volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America program and as a youth pastor in several churches;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, served as  
11 an ROTC officer for four universities and 13 high schools, and was the Adjutant and  
12 Historian for the Savannah Chapter 596 and an Americanism Officer for the Department of  
13 Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he established a program in Port Wentworth, Georgia, that purchased Christmas  
15 gifts for the residents of Westview Nursing and Rehabilitation Home which has grown into  
16 an excellent opportunity to recognize the service of veterans throughout the year through  
17 special events; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook and his loving wife, Rose, worked diligently to have the City of Port  
19 Wentworth proclaimed one of this nation's three Purple Heart Cities in recognition of its  
20 outstanding patriotism; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Effingham County Veterans Park Committee, and he  
22 was the inspiration behind the Purple Heart Monument at the center of the park; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Cook will long be remembered for his  
30 love of Port Wentworth, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend  
31 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Albert "Al" Milton  
34 Cook and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Albert  
37 "Al" Milton Cook.